

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 15, 2023

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 7:30 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Jim Giacone opened in prayer and Shane Cockrum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Shane Cockrum, Vice-President; Marci Glover, Secretary; Jay Copple, Jim Giacone; Robin LaBuwi, and Stacia Sloan.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary; Ryan Miller, Asst. Principal/AD; Andy Sloan, Faculty Member; Cole Buchanan, Student Council Representative; and community member.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

Shane Cockrum made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the Executive Board Room at 7:31 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 9:33 P.M. Marci Glover, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Shane Cockrum – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Jim Giacone – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Marci Glover – yes.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary; Ryan Miller, Asst. Principal/AD; Andy Sloan and Ron Winemiller, Faculty Members; Cole Buchanan, Student Council Representative; and community member.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 Approve Minutes:**
- Regular Board Meeting Minutes, April 20, 2023**
 - Executive Board Meeting Minutes, April 20, 2023**
 - Organizational Board Meeting Minutes, April 25, 2023**
 - Special Board Meeting Minutes, May 2, 2023**
 - Special Executive Board Meeting Minutes, May 2, 2023**

5.2 Approve Financial Report (April 2023)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (April 2023)

5.4 Review/Approve SY23-24 Field Trip List for Overnight/Out of State Trips ENCL A

5.5 Review/Approve Final Reading Board Policy Updates from Press Plus Issue 111 ENCL B

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Marci Glover – yes, Mark Minor – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Jay Copple – yes, and Jim Giacone – yes. Motion Carried. A copy of Enclosure B has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- Project Update
- Sound System-RH Gym Update
- Financial Update
- Board Training June 5, 2023
- Property/Casualty Insurance Update
- Summer Office Hours Update
- Honors Night Update

Written reports from Principal Docherty and Assistant Principal/AD Miller were given.

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Assignment of Personnel Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the slate of extra-curricular assignments for the 2023-24 school year as presented in enclosure D. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of enclosure D has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Ron Winemiller, Andy Sloan, Aaron Webb, and Alyssa Mitchell as summer 2023 driver's education teachers. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Robin LaBuwi – yes, Stacia Sloan – abstain, Shane Cockrum – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Jim Giacone – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Marci Glover - yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve April Tedrow as a temporary part-time custodian as needed. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Giacone made a motion to approve Kaitlyn Crawford and Brooklyn Ward as temporary part-time summer 2023 secretaries as needed. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Kristin Petrowske to teach a 1 period overload for both semesters of the 2023-24 school year. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve Whitney Winemiller as a full-time teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.2 Employment of Personnel Jim Giacone made a motion to approve Robert Dimitri, Jayla Sotelo, Ira Upton, Elijah Roberts, and Silas Ware as student workers for summer 2023. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Contract for Employment for Computer/Network Technology Specialist as presented. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.3 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions Robin LaBuwi made a motion to authorize the administration to post the open extra-curricular positions listed on ENCL D as available for the 2023-24 school year. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to authorize the administration to post the position of teacher aide as available for the 2023-24 school year. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to authorize the administration to post the position of special education teacher as available for the 2023-24 school year. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.4 Review/Approve RP Coatings' Proposal to Refinish RHG Upper Deck Floor Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the proposal from RP Coatings to refinish the upper deck flooring of the Rich Herrin Gym as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.5 Review/Approve Agreement with Prestige Project Management Jay Copple made a motion to approve the agreement with Prestige Project Management as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.6 Review/Approve Agreement with REMEDY Engineering Development & Architecture Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the agreement with REMEDY Engineering Development & Architecture as presented. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.7 Review/Approve 2023-2025 Intergovernmental Cooperative Sports Agreement for Wrestling with Sesser-Valier High School Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperative Sports Agreement with Sesser-Valier High School as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Agreement has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.8 Assignment of 2023-2025 BCHS Board of Education Committees

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS Shane Cockrum requested that the district explore PA system improvements in the Rich Herrin Gym.

Stacia Sloan commented on the retirees and the positive impacts they have had on students.

11. ADJOURNMENT Stacia Sloan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 P.M. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY